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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MAY 1987				REVISED APRIL 1987				REVISED MAY 1986			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,932.1	1,715.8	216.3	11.2	1,928.1	1,694.7	233.4	12.1	2,010.3	1,749.2	261.1	13.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.8	55.1	5.7	9.3	60.5	54.5	6.0	9.9	60.7	54.4	6.3	10.3
Baton Rouge 2/	260.3	236.6	23.7	9.1	260.3	235.3	25.0	9.6	266.1	237.8	28.3	10.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	73.4	62.0	11.4	15.5	73.2	60.4	12.8	17.5	78.6	65.2	13.4	17.1
Lafayette 4/	100.2	87.9	12.3	12.3	100.5	87.2	13.3	13.2	109.5	94.1	15.4	14.1
Lake Charles 5/	74.8	65.6	9.2	12.3	74.1	64.6	9.5	12.8	76.7	65.5	11.2	14.6
Monroe 6/	68.6	62.2	6.4	9.3	68.3	61.5	6.8	10.0	70.6	63.7	6.9	9.8
New Orleans 7/	590.1	534.6	55.5	9.4	588.6	529.3	59.3	10.1	614.5	548.6	65.9	10.7
Shreveport 8/	163.6	147.0	16.6	10.1	162.9	144.8	18.1	11.1	171.1	151.3	19.8	11.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,492,700 for May, an increase of 3,600 above the April revised figure but a decrease of 41,200 from the comparable period a year ago. Louisiana's employment increase was centered in the nonmanufacturing segment. Manufacturing payrolls were up slightly as a result of higher employment in durable goods.

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Durable goods employment, at 74,100, was 400 higher than last month and 600 higher than May 1986. An increase in transportation equipment payrolls accounted for most of the gain in the durable goods segment. Cutbacks in miscellaneous manufacturing industries resulted in a downturn for the other durable goods segment of manufacturing.

Monthly employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing, at 91,900, was 100 below the April level. Paper and allied products and other nondurable goods employment fell by 100 each, while printing and publishing showed an increase of 100 for the current month.

Nonmanufacturing employment during May was estimated at 1,326,700, up by 3,300 from the April figure. Mining employment was higher this month as a result of an increase in oil and gas exploration. An upturn in general building contractors and heavy construction contractors accounted for the increase in construction payrolls. Transportation and public utilities showed an increase in employment due to more business at the state's ports. Trade payrolls were up primarily as a result of increased hiring in retail trade, especially eating and drinking places. Cutbacks at banks were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Seasonal hires in miscellaneous amusement and recreation services contributed to the employment gain for services in May. Government payrolls fell below last month's figures due to a downturn in state government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 119,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $449.86 in April to $452.45 in May, an increase of $2.59 and an increase of $14.85 above May of last year. Average hourly earnings were one cent higher in May than last month and $0.28 higher than May a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.7 during May, an increase of 0.2 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana for May stood at 216,300, a decrease of 17,100 from the April level of 233,400. The unemployment rate for May was 11.2 percent, compared to 12.1 percent for April and 13.0 percent for May of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for this month was 6.1 percent compared to 6.2 percent in April and 7.0 percent for May of last year. Louisiana's civilian labor force increased from 1,928,100 in April to 1,932,100 in May, an increase of 4,000. Total employment, at 1,715,800, was up by 21,100 from last month but was 33,400 lower than April a year ago.

Louisiana's unemployment rate will probably go up next month due to an influx of students looking for summer employment. Seasonal influences may increase manufacturing employment during the early summer months. Nonmanufacturing segments such as construction and trade are expected to experience employment increases next month.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change from April 1987	Net Change from May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,492.7	1,489.1	1,533.9	+ 3.6	-41.2
MINING	58.6	58.2	62.2	+ 0.4	- 3.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	55.8	55.5	59.2	+ 0.3	- 3.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.7	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	83.8	83.1	90.8	+ 0.7	- 7.0
MANUFACTURING	166.0	165.7	167.5	+ 0.3	- 1.5
Durable Goods	74.1	73.7	73.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.6	- 0.1	- 0.7
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.0	6.0	6.4	0	- 0.4
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.0	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	12.0	12.0	13.0	0	- 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.6	8.5	8.6	+ 0.1	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.5	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	22.0	21.6	19.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.3	2.0	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	91.9	92.0	94.0	- 0.1	- 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	20.0	20.0	21.4	0	- 1.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.1	7.7	0	+ 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	11.7	11.8	11.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.7	10.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.2	25.2	26.2	0	- 1.0
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.4	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.7	11.7	11.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.6	4.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.7	105.3	107.0	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Railroad Transportation	5.5	5.5	5.8	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.0	58.6	60.7	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Water Transportation	23.5	23.2	24.7	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.2	41.2	40.5	0	+ 0.7
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.5	18.5	18.9	0	- 0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.7	22.7	21.6	0	+ 1.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	356.7	354.9	373.0	+ 1.8	-16.3
Wholesale Trade	79.6	79.9	86.5	- 0.3	- 6.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.6	43.9	49.6	- 0.3	- 6.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.0	36.0	36.9	0	- 0.9
Retail Trade	277.1	275.0	286.5	+ 2.1	- 9.4
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.3	57.2	58.7	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Food Stores	56.7	56.8	55.2	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.1	29.1	31.5	0	- 2.4
Eating & Drinking Places	82.9	80.9	87.4	+ 2.0	- 4.5
Other Retail Trade	51.1	51.0	53.7	+ 0.1	- 2.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change from April 1987	Net Change from May 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.8	84.9	86.0	- 0.1	- 1.2
Banking	25.7	25.8	26.9	- 0.1	- 1.2
SERVICES	318.3	317.3	320.6	+ 1.0	- 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.7	23.8	23.0	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Personal Services	15.1	15.0	14.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Business Services	54.1	54.1	56.2	0	- 2.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.6	9.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.5	8.4	10.6	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Health Services	96.7	96.8	95.5	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Legal Services	15.0	14.7	14.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Educational Services	21.5	21.5	22.7	0	- 1.2
Social Services	18.7	18.8	19.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
Membership Organizations	25.2	25.4	25.9	- 0.2	- 0.7
Miscellaneous Services	16.4	16.5	16.4	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	318.8	319.7	326.8	- 0.9	- 8.0
Federal	36.3	36.2	35.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State and Local	282.5	283.5	290.9	- 1.0	- 8.4
State	100.1	101.1	104.5	- 1.0	- 4.4
Local	182.4	182.4	186.4	0	- 4.0

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$452.45	$449.86	$437.60	41.7	41.5	41.4	$10.85	$10.84	$10.57
Durable Goods	392.04	392.20	390.45	40.5	40.6	41.1	9.68	9.66	9.50
Lumber & Wood Products	347.96	351.50	341.99	42.8	42.4	43.4	8.13	8.29	7.88
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	350.68	362.95	352.10	41.5	42.6	40.8	8.45	8.52	8.63
Fabricated Metal Products	417.90	444.12	411.70	44.6	46.7	42.4	9.37	9.51	9.71
Machinery, ex. Electrical	397.63	400.78	383.36	41.9	42.5	40.1	9.49	9.43	9.56
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.05	408.86	483.11	35.0	34.3	41.9	12.03	11.92	11.53
Transportation Equipment	423.12	412.68	426.01	38.5	38.0	39.3	10.99	10.86	10.84
Nondurable Goods	506.32	500.49	479.55	42.8	42.2	41.7	11.83	11.86	11.50
Food & Kindred Products	301.69	314.31	309.62	37.2	38.9	39.9	8.11	8.08	7.76
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	206.56	193.75	190.27	37.9	35.1	35.3	5.45	5.52	5.39
Paper & Allied Products	588.74	560.14	576.32	44.1	41.4	43.3	13.35	13.53	13.31
Printing & Publishing	377.19	393.67	387.86	38.1	38.9	38.1	9.90	10.12	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	730.00	711.63	661.40	47.9	46.3	44.3	15.24	15.37	14.93
Petroleum & Coal Products	698.49	693.78	659.83	47.1	47.1	45.6	14.83	14.73	14.47
Petroleum Refining	708.38	707.14	676.44	47.1	47.3	46.3	15.04	14.95	14.61
MINING	577.41	583.22	516.35	48.4	48.2	44.9	11.93	12.10	11.50
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	509.26	509.26	515.97	39.6	39.6	40.5	12.86	12.86	12.74
BANKING	255.84	256.61	268.16	38.3	38.3	38.2	6.68	6.70	7.02

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 119,000 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 91,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 05 87				REVISED 04 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,575	20,025	3,550	15.1	23,400	19,725	3,675	15.7
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,425	8,200	1,225	13.0	9,400	8,100	1,300	13.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,975	5,275	1,700	24.4	7,250	5,375	1,875	26.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,250	13,475	2,775	17.1	16,300	13,250	3,050	18.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,900	12,275	1,625	11.6	13,675	12,100	1,575	11.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,625	5,875	750	11.3	6,700	5,775	925	14.0
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,475	3,850	625	14.2	4,500	3,775	725	16.2
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,625	4,175	450	10.0	4,525	4,000	525	11.5
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,675	3,800	875	18.7	4,725	3,725	1,000	21.0
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,650	6,875	775	10.2	7,650	6,775	875	11.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,250	8,675	1,575	15.4	10,175	8,500	1,675	16.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,875	11,400	1,475	11.6	12,925	11,250	1,675	13.0
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,550	3,575	975	21.3	4,425	3,425	1,000	22.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,650	7,750	900	10.3	8,550	7,600	950	11.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,825	11,750	2,075	15.1	13,700	11,500	2,200	16.0
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,425	7,125	1,300	15.3	8,525	7,000	1,525	17.9
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,500	5,700	800	12.4	6,550	5,625	925	14.1
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,050	22,750	5,300	18.9	27,800	22,375	5,425	19.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,100	10,275	1,825	15.1	12,100	10,150	1,950	16.0
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,200	6,575	625	8.8	7,200	6,500	700	9.6
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,125	11,275	1,850	14.1	13,000	11,000	2,000	15.4
JENA (LASALLE)	6,775	5,950	825	12.3	6,650	5,775	875	13.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,325	17,425	900	4.9	18,050	17,100	950	5.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,875	5,050	825	14.1	5,875	4,925	950	16.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,350	10,750	1,600	12.9	12,275	10,450	1,825	14.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,300	15,625	1,675	9.7	17,350	15,350	2,000	11.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,700	8,475	1,225	12.6	9,600	8,200	1,400	14.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,775	6,500	1,275	16.4	7,825	6,450	1,375	17.5
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,375	3,950	425	9.9	4,850	3,850	1,000	20.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,675	7,475	1,200	13.8	8,650	7,275	1,375	15.9
MANY (SABINE)	9,825	8,875	950	9.8	9,900	8,825	1,075	10.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,000	2,600	400	13.5	2,975	2,550	425	14.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,525	7,250	1,275	15.1	8,400	7,050	1,350	16.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,325	28,450	5,875	17.1	34,500	28,150	6,350	18.4
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	26,125	20,650	5,475	21.0	26,500	20,450	6,050	22.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,475	34,425	5,050	12.8	39,325	33,925	5,400	13.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	3,150	350	10.4	3,425	3,025	400	11.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,375	7,350	1,025	12.2	8,325	7,175	1,150	13.7
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,075	17,300	3,775	17.9	21,150	17,100	4,050	19.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,175	17,550	1,625	8.5	18,875	17,250	1,625	8.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,225	16,125	2,100	11.5	18,325	15,950	2,375	12.9
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,925	16,450	2,475	13.1	18,975	16,250	2,725	14.3
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,950	3,775	1,175	23.8	4,950	3,675	1,275	25.9
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,175	3,775	400	9.5	4,175	3,750	425	10.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,750	5,200	550	9.7	5,700	5,075	625	10.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.9	45.7	45.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	10.7	10.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.6	8.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	10.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.7	12.8	0	- 0.1
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.3	0	- 0.3
State	4.8	4.8	5.1	0	- 0.3
Local	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,900 during May. This estimate was 200 more than April and 500 more than May of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during May was estimated at 3,400. This is unchanged since the previous month and 100 more than May of last year. The increase since last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,500 during May. This estimate was 200 more than April and 400 more than May of last year. Since the previous month there were gains in construction, transportation and public utilities, and retail trade, with a decline in services. Compared to last May, gains were in transportation and public utilities, retail trade, services and federal government. Losses were in wholesale trade and state government.

During the next thirty days the number of unemployed should increase with the influx of students, and some school personnel added to the labor force.

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.5	213.0	215.1	+ 0.5	- 1.6
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.7	19.2	0	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.1	4.0	4.1	+ 0.1	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	14.6	14.7	15.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.3	10.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	20.0	19.9	20.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.5	52.1	51.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.8	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.4	0	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	41.4	41.0	40.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.3	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.3	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	42.0	42.0	41.3	0	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	55.4	55.5	57.1	- 0.1	- 1.7
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	53.2	53.3	54.9	- 0.1	- 1.7
State	31.8	32.1	33.2	- 0.3	- 1.4
Local	21.4	21.2	21.7	+ 0.2	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$517.86	$515.41	$527.85	41.1	41.7	42.5	$12.60	$12.36	$12.42
Petro-Chemicals	692.29	672.21	710.31	46.4	46.2	47.8	14.92	14.55	14.86

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,500 during May was up 500 from the revised April estimate. Manufacturing showed no change while nonmanufacturing was up 500.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700 in May, showed no change during the current period. Durable goods showed an increase due to more business in blast furnaces, steel works and rolling and finishing mills, in iron and steel foundries, and in secondary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals. Nondurable goods were down due to less business in miscellaneous products of petroleum and coal.

Nonmanufacturing employment was up during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings. Transportation and public utilities showed no change. Wholesale trade showed no change while retail trade was up due to more business in lumber and other building materials dealers, in grocery stores, and in eating and drinking places. Employment in the finance, insurance, and real estate segment rose due to more business in subdividers and developers. Services showed no change. Government was down due to staff reductions in state government.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $517.86, up $3.45 from the revised April average. Average weekly hours at 41.1 hours were down 0.6 hours and average hourly earnings at $12.60 were up $0.24 from April's revised estimate. More overtime worked in petro-chemical industries contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 236,600 during May, up 1,300 from April's revised total. Unemployment, at 23,700, was down 1,300 during the current period. The unemployment rate for May was 9.1 percent compared to 9.6 percent for April and 10.7 percent for May a year ago. The comparable state rate for May was 11.2 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 260,300 during the current period.

Employment is expected to increase slightly while unemployment starts its seasonal rise during the next thirty days.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,908 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 178 applicants in jobs during May.

The consumer price index for April, 1987 for all urban consumers was 337.7 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 332.3 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.4	51.6	56.0	+ 0.8	- 3.6
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.0	5.1	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.2	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.3	1.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
MINING	6.0	5.9	6.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.5	1.4	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.8	6.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Water Transportation	3.7	3.6	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.2	13.2	14.1	0	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.6	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	10.5	10.6	10.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.3	8.3	8.6	0	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.6	11.3	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.3	10.1	10.8	+ 0.2	- 0.5
State	3.3	3.2	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	7.0	6.9	7.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in May pushed up to 52,400, a level 800 above April. Since May of 1986, total employment lost 3,600 workers, a decrease of 6.4 percent. Total nonagricultural employment remains at a level lower than any since March of 1977.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,300 in May, an increase of 300 over the previous month. Durable goods showed no change. Nondurable goods increased 300 due to seasonal increases in the food and kindred products industry. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 800.

Mining showed a small gain in May. Water transportation added workers. Construction rose slightly. In government, both the state and local sectors exhibited small gains. In trade, a small gain in wholesale trade was offset by a minor decrease in retail trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no change. Services held steady.

Estimated unemployment in May totaled 11,400, a level 1,400 below April. Joblessness presently comprises 15.5 percent of the labor force compared to 17.5 percent in April and 18.5 percent in May of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 3,428.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Educational services will make downward adjustments for the summer. Construction and mining will benefit from better weather conditions. Unemployment will probably move up with the summer increase in the number entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.4	82.5	88.8	- 0.1	- 6.4
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.7	6.0	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.7	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.1	11.1	12.0	0	- 0.9
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	3.7	0	- 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.5	6.4	6.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.7	21.7	23.9	0	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	5.5	0	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.5	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	16.9	16.9	18.4	0	- 1.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.2	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Other Retail Trade	9.7	9.7	10.5	0	- 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.6	17.6	18.9	0	- 1.3
GOVERNMENT	12.8	13.0	13.2	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	12.0	12.2	12.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
State	5.0	5.2	4.7	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Local	7.0	7.0	7.5	0	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,400, a decrease of 100 from the previous month and 6,400 below May of last year.

Manufacturing was unchanged from last month's figure of 5,700, but this estimate is 300 below the year-ago figure.

Nonmanufacturing was estimated at 76,700, down 100 from the April revised figure. Transportation and public utilities showed an increase of 100 while government fell by 200 from last month. Employment in nonmanufacturing has fallen by 6,100 since May of last year.

The unemployment rate is expected to rise due to the entry of students into the labor market. Nonagricultural employment should remain relatively stable during the next thirty days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.4	57.3	57.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	10.3	10.0	8.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	2.2	1.9	0.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.7	0.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	5.0	5.0	5.3	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.6	3.5	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.6	14.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.9	2.8	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	11.2	0	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.9	2.9	3.3	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.6	10.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.7	0.6	- 0.1	0
State and Local	9.8	9.9	10.2	- 0.1	- 0.4
State	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
Local	6.2	6.3	6.5	- 0.1	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 57,400 for May 1987. This estimate is 100 more than April's estimate, but 300 less than May of last year.

The manufacturing sector continues to expand for the month of May, with an increase of 300 in other durable goods. More significantly, manufacturing employment has risen by 1,600 since May of 1986.

Transportation and public utilities rose by 100 this month, but shows a 200 decrease from last year. Wholesale and retail trade fell by 100 and also shows a decrease of 500 since May 1986.

Government showed a decrease of 200 in federal and local government employment.

All other segments remained unchanged.

Employment should slowly increase over the next 30 days while the unemployment rate should increase due to the influx of students and education workers into the labor force.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.4	55.8	+ 0.3	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	2.9	3.3	+ 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.6	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.6	15.2	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	10.9	11.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.8	3.3	0	- 0.5
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.2	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.3	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.7	10.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.1	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.4
State	4.5	4.7	4.5	- 0.2	0
Local	5.4	5.4	5.8	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment rose to an estimated 54,700 during mid-May, an increase of 300 from the April estimate of 54,400. All gains were in nonmanufacturing.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged from the April estimate.

Nonmanufacturing was up by 300 workers. Construction rose by 200 as weather conditions improved. Transportation and public utilities shows a minimal decline of 100. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 200. Services also rose by 200. Government declined by 200 signaling the end of the spring semester.

Over the next 30 days employment should increase slightly as outside activity increases. Unemployment will rise as youths enter the labor force seeking summer employment.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	509.3	508.7	524.1	+ 0.6	-14.8
MANUFACTURING	43.2	42.9	43.6	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Durable Goods	21.2	21.0	20.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.4	2.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.4	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.4	8.2	7.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.0	21.9	22.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	7.0	6.9	7.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	0	- 0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	16.8	16.6	16.8	+ 0.2	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.6	15.7	15.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	23.0	22.9	25.6	+ 0.1	- 2.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.6	41.7	43.8	- 0.1	- 2.2
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	10.9	11.3	12.6	- 0.4	- 1.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.6	132.4	138.7	+ 0.2	- 6.1
Wholesale Trade	31.5	31.6	33.9	- 0.1	- 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.5	20.2	- 0.2	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.1	13.7	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	101.1	100.8	104.8	+ 0.3	- 3.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.6	34.0	33.9	- 0.4	- 0.3
Banking	7.2	7.3	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	133.7	133.4	133.7	+ 0.3	0
GOVERNMENT	84.8	84.8	88.0	0	- 3.2
Federal	15.6	15.6	15.4	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	69.2	69.2	72.6	0	- 3.4
State	19.5	19.6	20.6	- 0.1	- 1.1
Local	49.7	49.6	52.0	+ 0.1	- 2.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$436.71	$436.30	$423.32	40.7	40.7	39.6	$10.73	$10.72	$10.69
Durable Goods	384.46	380.60	381.81	38.6	38.6	39.0	9.96	9.86	9.79
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	314.96	332.30	369.25	31.0	33.6	35.0	10.16	9.89	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	460.69	461.25	385.81	46.3	45.0	41.0	9.95	10.25	9.41
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	373.23	362.18	367.79	37.7	37.3	37.8	9.90	9.71	9.73
Nondurable Goods	487.21	488.62	460.35	42.7	42.6	40.1	11.41	11.47	11.48
Food & Kindred Products	360.40	358.02	306.36	40.0	40.5	36.0	9.01	8.84	8.51
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	153.33	147.97	157.80	28.5	29.3	26.7	5.38	5.05	5.91
Paper & Allied Products	440.20	414.92	441.70	47.9	45.1	46.3	9.19	9.20	9.54
Printing & Publishing	345.14	366.12	371.78	39.4	40.5	39.3	8.76	9.04	9.46
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	754.94	741.83	694.94	49.7	47.1	43.9	15.19	15.75	15.83

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	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.4	55.8	+ 0.3	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	2.9	3.3	+ 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.6	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.6	15.2	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	10.9	11.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.8	3.3	0	- 0.5
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.2	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.3	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.7	10.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.1	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.4
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Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.4	2.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.4	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.4	8.2	7.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.0	21.9	22.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	7.0	6.9	7.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	0	- 0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	16.8	16.6	16.8	+ 0.2	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.6	15.7	15.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	23.0	22.9	25.6	+ 0.1	- 2.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.6	41.7	43.8	- 0.1	- 2.2
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	10.9	11.3	12.6	- 0.4	- 1.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.6	132.4	138.7	+ 0.2	- 6.1
Wholesale Trade	31.5	31.6	33.9	- 0.1	- 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.5	20.2	- 0.2	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.1	13.7	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	101.1	100.8	104.8	+ 0.3	- 3.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.6	34.0	33.9	- 0.4	- 0.3
Banking	7.2	7.3	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	133.7	133.4	133.7	+ 0.3	0
GOVERNMENT	84.8	84.8	88.0	0	- 3.2
Federal	15.6	15.6	15.4	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	69.2	69.2	72.6	0	- 3.4
State	19.5	19.6	20.6	- 0.1	- 1.1
Local	49.7	49.6	52.0	+ 0.1	- 2.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$436.71	$436.30	$423.32	40.7	40.7	39.6	$10.73	$10.72	$10.69
Durable Goods	384.46	380.60	381.81	38.6	38.6	39.0	9.96	9.86	9.79
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	314.96	332.30	369.25	31.0	33.6	35.0	10.16	9.89	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	460.69	461.25	385.81	46.3	45.0	41.0	9.95	10.25	9.41
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	373.23	362.18	367.79	37.7	37.3	37.8	9.90	9.71	9.73
Nondurable Goods	487.21	488.62	460.35	42.7	42.6	40.1	11.41	11.47	11.48
Food & Kindred Products	360.40	358.02	306.36	40.0	40.5	36.0	9.01	8.84	8.51
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	153.33	147.97	157.80	28.5	29.3	26.7	5.38	5.05	5.91
Paper & Allied Products	440.20	414.92	441.70	47.9	45.1	46.3	9.19	9.20	9.54
Printing & Publishing	345.14	366.12	371.78	39.4	40.5	39.3	8.76	9.04	9.46
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	754.94	741.83	694.94	49.7	47.1	43.9	15.19	15.75	15.83

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in May moved up to 509,300, a level 600 above April. Gains were scattered, small, and mostly seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 14,800 workers, with every industry division showing a decrease except mining, which stood at the same level as in May of the previous year.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,200 in May, up 300 from the previous month. Durable goods showed gains in fabricated metal products and ship and boatbuilding and repair. Nondurable goods increased 100 in the food and kindred products segment with the start of the seafood processing season. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 400.

Services showed mainly seasonal increases in business services, automotive repair services, and legal services. Retail trade added workers mostly in eating and drinking places, miscellaneous retail stores, and building materials dealers. Mining pushed up, taking advantage of better weather for outside activity. Construction exhibited a small gain. Less favorably, water transportation decreased to the lowest level in more than a decade. Finance, insurance, and real estate each reduced employment, reflecting the area's long range economic problems. In government, a small upturn in local government was offset by a minor downturn in state government.

Production workers in the area earned an average $436.71 a week in May, up $0.41 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were unchanged from the previous month, and average hourly earnings increased 1 cent over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $13.39 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in May stood at 55,500, a level 3,800 below April. An increase in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.4 percent of the labor force compared to 10.1 percent in April and 11.4 percent in May of last year. The May rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 11.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 14,152.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Mining and construction will probably add workers. Public and private educational services will make downward adjustments for the summer season. Unemployment will probably move up with the summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.7	131.0	136.1	+ 0.7	- 4.4
MANUFACTURING	18.3	18.6	19.0	- 0.3	- 0.7
Durable Goods	13.0	13.2	13.5	- 0.2	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.7	8.2	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.1	6.1	6.5	0	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	4.8	5.0	4.8	- 0.2	0
Nondurable Good	5.3	5.4	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.2	- 0.1	0
MINING	3.2	3.1	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	7.9	7.7	7.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.2	8.1	8.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.5	29.9	32.3	- 0.4	- 2.8
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.5	8.3	- 0.2	- 1.0
Retail Trade	22.2	22.4	24.0	- 0.2	- 1.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.7	7.7	7.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	31.3	30.5	31.6	+ 0.8	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	25.6	25.4	25.6	+ 0.2	0
Federal	4.7	4.6	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	20.9	20.8	21.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
State	6.3	6.3	6.0	0	+ 0.3
Local	14.6	14.5	15.2	+ 0.1	- 0.6

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$434.64	$425.90	$452.18	38.6	38.3	40.7	$11.26	$11.12	$11.11
Lumber and Wood Products	264.22	270.80	242.70	40.4	40.0	39.4	6.54	6.77	6.16
Metals and Machinery	442.93	428.72	443.22	37.6	36.8	41.5	11.78	11.65	10.68
Food and Kindred Products	376.85	354.35	313.12	42.2	42.9	41.2	8.93	8.26	7.60
Printing and Publishing	326.33	329.34	284.86	32.6	33.2	33.2	10.01	9.92	8.58
Petroleum and Coal Products	604.67	573.36	544.36	50.6	49.3	45.1	11.95	11.63	12.07

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport labor market area had an estimated 131,700 in total nonagricultural employment for the month of May, up from the revised April estimate of 131,000 and 4,400 less than the May, 1986 estimate. Total manufacturing employment shows a decline of 300 from April to May, while nonmanufacturing employment increased 1,000.

The estimated employment total in manufacturing was 18,300, down from 18,600 in April and 19,000 one year ago. Employment in durable goods fell to 13,000 a 200 decrease from the previous month and 500 less than May, 1986. The nondurable goods employment, estimated at 5,300, dropped 100 during the past month, and was 200 below the year ago level.

Nonmanufacturing employment increased to 113,400, up from 112,400 during the previous month, but 3,700 less than May 1986. Estimated employment increased from April to May in mining, construction, transportation and public utilities, services and government. The services sector showed the largest employment gain, up from 30,500 in April to 31,300 in May. This increase was the result of the beginning of the 1987 racing season. The only job losses that occurred from April to May were in wholesale and retail trade, which was down 400 from the previous month and 2,800 less than one year ago.

Production workers for this area, estimated at 13,300, had average weekly earnings of $434.64, an increase of $8.74 from the April average. This weekly average is down $17.54 from May, 1986. Average weekly hours increased to 38.6, up 0.3 hours from the previous month but 2.1 hours less than one year ago. Average hourly earnings are nearly unchanged at $11.26, up $0.14 from last month and $0.15 from May, 1986.

The Shreveport labor market area has a civilian labor force estimated at 163,600, which includes 147,000 employed and 16,000 unemployed. The unemployment rate for May was 10.1 percent, compared to 11.2 percent for the state.

The outlook for next month is for unemployment to show an increase as new and re-entrants are added into the labor force. Local government employment will decline as public school payrolls are reduced for the summer.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1987

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	4,301	3,744	557	89	76	13	58	46	12
Contractural Construction (15-17)	16,785	12,248	4,537	398	325	73	2,780	2,135	645
Manufacturing (20-29)	7,065	4,089	2,976	161	89	72	444	297	147
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	3,364	2,132	1,232	51	25	26	295	177	118
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	2,012	1,400	612	77	62	15	223	141	82
Retail Trade (52-59)	10,283	6,521	3,762	406	303	103	1,033	596	437
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,845	1,444	401	44	35	9	310	235	75
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	11,967	7,077	4,890	285	182	103	1,335	788	547
Public Administration (91-97)	2,190	1,109	1,081	81	40	41	177	89	88
All Others	355	193	162	12	5	7	50	25	25
Totals	60,167	39,957	20,210	1,604	1,142	462	6,705	4,529	2,176
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	7,353	6,120	1,233	181	148	33	893	720	173
Clerical and Sales	12,991	9,681	3,310	417	340	77	1,452	1,052	400
Services Occupations	5,968	2,125	3,843	213	94	119	580	181	399
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	786	412	374	34	23	11	22	13	9
Processing Occupations	1,602	894	708	18	9	9	152	99	53
Machine Trades	3,061	2,189	872	89	69	20	360	280	80
Benchwork Occupations	1,588	782	806	25	13	12	97	71	26
Structural Work Occupations	16,533	11,660	4,873	427	340	87	2,469	1,754	715
Miscellaneous Occupations	10,285	6,094	4,191	200	106	94	680	359	321
Totals	60,167	39,957	20,210	1,604	1,142	462	6,705	4,529	2,176

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1987

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	427	391	36	699	585	114	117	101	16
Contractural Construction (15-17)	533	430	103	485	354	131	1,309	1,062	247
Manufacturing (20-29)	556	408	148	322	211	111	137	100	37
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	328	287	41	153	125	28	136	74	62
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	140	126	14	174	139	35	52	43	9
Retail Trade (52-59)	463	358	105	611	431	180	388	289	99
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	49	44	5	142	116	26	49	46	3
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	519	407	112	649	435	214	382	261	121
Public Administration (91-97)	166	94	72	127	70	57	46	29	17
All Others	26	17	9	12	6	6	3	2	1
Totals	3,207	2,562	645	3,374	2,472	902	2,619	2,007	612
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	400	364	36	579	529	50	252	225	27
Clerical and Sales	503	436	67	930	777	153	471	387	84
Services Occupations	274	159	115	374	151	223	208	85	123
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	105	80	25	24	16	8	18	11	7
Processing Occupations	271	180	91	71	37	34	55	30	25
Machine Trades	162	138	24	192	147	45	91	74	17
Benchwork Occupations	28	25	3	68	48	20	25	21	4
Structural Work Occupations	789	625	164	565	383	182	1,088	906	182
Miscellaneous Occupations	675	555	120	571	384	187	411	268	143
Totals	3,207	2,562	645	3,374	2,472	902	2,619	2,007	612

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1987

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	39	36	3	353	272	81	245	222	23
Contractural Construction (15-17)	535	430	105	4,025	2,625	1,400	767	518	249
Manufacturing (20-29)	220	143	77	1,699	940	759	584	288	296
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	57	34	23	1,314	671	643	193	107	86
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	32	18	14	641	376	265	227	178	49
Retail Trade (52-59)	503	351	152	3,127	1,638	1,489	953	533	420
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	38	31	7	691	501	190	206	160	46
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	286	165	121	4,174	2,245	1,929	980	523	457
Public Administration (91-97)	46	25	21	494	196	298	174	75	99
All Others	1	0	1	127	59	68	8	5	3
Totals	1,757	1,233	524	16,645	9,523	7,122	4,337	2,609	1,728
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	235	203	32	2,512	1,969	543	560	469	91
Clerical and Sales	493	374	119	4,094	2,652	1,442	1,242	910	332
Services Occupations	147	48	99	1,971	537	1,434	537	114	423
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	20	6	14	159	88	71	54	21	33
Processing Occupations	16	11	5	305	149	156	56	30	26
Machine Trades	134	86	48	726	479	247	272	152	120
Benchwork Occupations	32	22	10	421	153	268	196	88	108
Structural Work Occupations	387	310	77	3,813	2,366	1,447	770	510	260
Miscellaneous Occupations	293	173	120	2,644	1,130	1,514	650	315	335
Totals	1,757	1,233	524	16,645	9,523	7,122	4,337	2,609	1,728

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